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INFORMATION DEVICE THAT HAVE THE SAME

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1. United States Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0282047, published December 22, 2005 (related U.S. Application).
2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2001-102070, published April 13, 2001.
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-106201, published April 11, 2000.
4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 52-66937, published June 2, 1977.
5. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 52-73426, published November 29, 1977.

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6. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 6-188008, published July 8, 1994.
7. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-184430, published June 28, 2002.
8. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-203585, published July 19, 2002.
9. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2004-14193, published January 15, 2004.

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